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In Re Application of:	Examiner: R. Zeman
CONTAG et al.	Group Art Unit: 1645
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Title: BIODETECTORS TARGETED TO SPECIFIC LIGANDS	

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 16, 2009, for which a response is initially due on or before June 16, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants note that an Appeal Brief was filed on September 17, 2007. Pursuant to MPEP § 1207, Applicants note that the Examiner has effectively re-opened prosecution by applying new grounds of rejection.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.